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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 7, 2001. Please amend the above-described application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 28 to read as follows:

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28. A method for treating of epithelially derived malignant or benign neoplasms, the method comprising administering topically to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of an active enamel substance.

REMARKS

Claim 28 has been amended to further define the present invention. No new matter has been added by virtue of such amendment. For instance, support for the amendment appears throughout the specification and in the original claims. (See, e.g., page 4, lines 32-37 and page 12, lines 22-27 of the present application.)

Claims 28-31 and 32-46 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, first paragraph. As the rejection is understood, the position is taken that while the specification is enabling for a method